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Metro to Hold Six Public Hearings in February on Proposed Bus Service Changes for Implementation in June 2011

Metro will hold six public hearings beginning February 1 to receive community input on proposed bus service modifications to be implemented on June 26, 2011 or later in an effort to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of Metro bus service.

Included in the proposed changes are specific Metro Rail new Expo Line bus/rail interface changes that will be considered at the upcoming public hearings. The Expo bus/rail interface proposed changes will not be implemented until the Expo Line opens. A date has not been set but construction from downtown Los Angeles to Culver City is nearing completion.

The public can attend any of the following public hearings and comment on proposals of interest to them. The following are the public hearings scheduled during the month of February.

- February 1, 2011 – (5 p.m.) Metro Board Room, One Gateway Plaza, 3rd Floor, Los Angeles.
- February 2, 2011 – (6:30 p.m.) Marvin Braude Constituent Center, 6262 Van Nuys Blvd., Van Nuys
- February 9, 2011 – (5 p.m.) La Cienega Tennis Center, 325 South La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills.
- February 10, 2011 – (2 p.m.) Salt Lake Park-Community Center, 3401 East Florence Ave., Huntington Park.
- February 14, 2011 – (5 p.m.) El Monte City Hall East/Council Chambers, 11333 Valley Blvd., El Monte.

- February 17, 2011 – (6 p.m.) Carson Community Center, 801 East Carson Street, Carson.

The proposed service changes under consideration will help to optimize service levels to demand and will result in reducing wasteful and underutilized service. In nearly all cases where lines are proposed for elimination, they will be replaced by other Metro bus lines or by transit services within one-quarter mile of existing service. More...

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In evaluating the proposed changes, Metro staff looked at the present-day bus system and took into account the multitude of problems the system is causing the agency and its customers. Those problems include too many bus lines with excessive service that has led to regular budget deficits over the years, deferred maintenance that has led to buses breaking down more often hurting the agency's on-time performance goals, and poor adherence to schedules. Metro's current roster of bus routes also are redundant and should be better integrated with rail service provided by Metro or buses run by the 16 municipal transit agencies in Los Angeles County.

The proposed changes are designed to comply with recommendations made by a Blue Ribbon Committee convened by Metro last year to improve regional transit services. The Committee's recommendations were adopted by the Metro Board of Directors and include several key strategies. These include emphasizing better service quality over quantity, reducing duplication of services, more coordination with municipal and other transit operators, and better integrating rail and bus service.

Metro runs the second largest bus operation in the United States with more than 387.5 million passengers annually and buses running 1.46 billion miles a year. Metro's base fare of \$1.50 is lower than that of many transit agencies and fares for students, seniors, the disabled and Medicare recipients remain frozen at 2009 levels until mid-2013 due to the passage of Measure R by county voters. At

present, Metro subsidizes about 71 percent of the cost of each passenger's bus ride an amount higher than most other large transit agencies.

Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend the upcoming public hearings. Those who are unable to attend, may submit their written comments postmarked through mid-night February 17, 2011, the close of the public record. Comments can be mailed to Metro Customer Relations, Attn: June 2011 Service Changes, One Gateway Plaza, 99-PL-4, Los Angeles, CA 90012-2932.

Comments via e-mail should be addressed to: servicechanges@metro.net Attn: June 2011 Service Changes. Facsimiles should be addressed as above and sent to 213-922-6988.

Below is a list of the proposed bus service changes that may be approved in whole or in part at a date following the public hearings. Approved changes may also include other alternatives derived from public comment. Additional information is available at www.metro.net.

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Metro Westside/Central

2 Downtown Los Angeles – Pacific Palisades via Sunset Bl
Move downtown terminus to Union Station.

26 Hollywood - Compton – Artesia Transit Center via Avalon Bl
Discontinue service on Virgil Av and reallocate resources to enhance Lines 51/52/352.

209 Athens-Wilshire Center via Van Ness Ave & Arlington Av
Discontinue service.

217 Vermont/Sunset-Fairfax/Washington via Hollywood Bl & Fairfax Av
Discontinue service at Hollywood/Vine Metro Rail Station.

704 Downtown LA-Santa Monica via Santa Monica Bl

Discontinue service at Sunset Bl and Alvarado St.

757 Hollywood-Hawthorne via Western Av

Discontinue service and reallocate resources to augment Line 207 service.

Metro San Fernando Valley

96/155

96- Downtown LA-Sherman Oaks via Riverside Dr, LA Zoo

155-Universal City-Burbank Station via Riverside Dr, Alameda Av

Shorten Line 96 northern terminal at Burbank Station. Modify Line 155 route to replace canceled Line 96 segment between Burbank Station and Sherman Oaks.

Service proposed to operate on Olive Av instead of Alameda Av in Media District and extended via Riverside Dr to Sherman Oaks.

183 Sherman Oaks-Glendale via Magnolia Bl

Proposal #1 - Simplify route in Burbank and Glendale; discontinue Kenneth Rd route segment and extend route via Colorado Bl in Glendale to Eagle Rock Plaza; discontinue segment to Glendale Station.

92/183/234

92- Downtown LA-Burbank Station via Glendale Av, Glenoaks Bl

183-Sherman Oaks-Glendale via Magnolia Bl

234- Sylmar Station – Sherman Oaks via Sepulveda Bl, Brand Bl

Proposal #2 – Discontinue Line 183 service. Extend Line 92 from Burbank Station over route of Line 183 to North Hollywood Station and terminate. Extend Line 234 east over Magnolia Bl from Sepulveda Bl. to North Hollywood Station and terminate. Through patrons on Magnolia east and west of North Hollywood Station will transfer between proposed Lines 92 and 234 extensions. Discontinue Kenneth Rd to Glendale Station route segment.

230/634

230- Sylmar Station – Studio City via Laurel Canyon Bl

634-Mission College – Sylmar Station via Hubbard Av/St

Combine Line 634 route with Line 230 to Mission College, eliminating a transfer. Line 634 will be cancelled.

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94/794

94- Downtown LA-Sun Valley via San Fernando Rd

794-Downtown Los Angeles – Sylmar Station via San Fernando Rd Rapid

Discontinue weekend Line 794 service and improve Line 94 service from Line 794 resources. Extend Line 94 route to Sylmar Station on weekends.

Metro Gateway Cities

26 Hollywood-Compton-Artesia Transit Center via Avalon Bl
Discontinue service on Virgil Av and reallocate resources to enhance Lines 51/52/352.

254 Boyle Heights-103rd St Station via Lorena St & Boyle Av
Discontinue Saturday service.

460 Downtown LA–Disneyland via Harbor Transitway & I-105 Fwy.
Discontinue service from Downtown LA to Norwalk Green Line Station.

577 El Monte Station – Downtown Long Beach via I-605 Fwy
Move southern terminal to Long Beach VA Hospital.

611 Huntington Park Shuttle
Operate service hourly.

612 South Gate Shuttle
Operate service hourly.

760 Downtown LA–Artesia Station via Long Beach Bl.
Discontinue service south of Metro Green Line; Discontinue Sunday service and augment Line 60 service.

Metro San Gabriel Valley

71 Downtown Los Angeles – Cal State LA via Wabash Av & City Terrace Dr
Terminate weekday mid-day trips and all weekend trips at Cesar Chavez and Alameda St.

83 Downtown LA – Eagle Rock via York Bl - Pasadena Av
Move downtown terminus to Union Station.

176/287

176-Highland Park – El Monte Station via Mission St & Mission Dr
287- El Monte Station – The Shops at Montebello via Tyler Av & Rush St
Discontinue Line 176; Extend Line 287 from El Monte Terminal to Las Tunas and Mission Drs.

254 Boyle Heights - 103rd St Station via Lorena St & Boyle Av
Discontinue Saturday service.

258/485

258-Alhambra – Paramount via Fremont Av & Eastern Av

485-Altadena – Downtown LA via Lake Av. & El Monte Busway
Discontinue Line 485; Extend Line 258 route to Cal State LA via Hellman Av; extend north on Fremont Av to Huntington Dr to provide connections to Line 79.

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487/489 El Monte - Downtown LA -- Temple City - Downtown LA
Move western terminal to Figueroa/7th Sts.

577 El Monte Station – Downtown Long Beach via I-605 Fwy
Move southern terminal to Long Beach VA Hospital.

751 Cypress Park - Huntington Park via Soto St.
Discontinue Saturday service and reallocate resources to enhance Line 251 service.

Metro South Bay

209 Athens-Wilshire Center via Van Ness Av & Arlington Av
Discontinue service.

246 San Pedro-Artesia Transit Center via Pacific Av, Anaheim St., Avalon Bl.
Operate off-peak service hourly.

247 San Pedro-Artesia Transit Center via 7th St, Harbor Bl.
Discontinue service.

445 San Pedro-Union Station via Pacific Av, First St., Harbor Beacon Park Ride Lot
Harbor Transitway
Discontinue service north of Artesia Transit Center and renumber as Line 545 with local fare; reallocate resources to Metro Silver Line.

450 Artesia Transit Center– Downtown LA via Harbor Transitway
Discontinue service and reallocate resources to Metro Silver Line.

757 Hollywood-Hawthorne via Western Av.
Discontinue service and enhance Line 207 service.

Expo Bus-Rail Interface Plan

30/305/550

30-Pico/Rimpau - Downtown Los Angeles-Indiana Station via Pico Bl & East 1st St
305- Westwood-Leimert Park-South LA-Willowbrook
550- San Pedro-West Hollywood via Harbor Transitway
Discontinue Line 305.

Line 550 will operate regular route from San Pedro, terminate at the Artesia Transit Center and be renumbered Line 350.

Select Line 30 and new Line 330 trips will be extended north/west from Pico/Rimpau terminal on San Vicente to West Hollywood.

Discontinue Line 730 service and replace with enhanced Line 30 service and with a new Line 330 Limited Stop service.

42 Downtown LA-LAX-South Bay Galleria via King-La Tijera-Hawthorne
Reroute to EXPO Western Station and discontinue service east of Western Av. To downtown LA.

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102/200 102-Baldwin Village-South Gate via Coliseum St
200- Echo Park-Exposition Park via Alvarado St & Hoover St
Discontinue Line 102; extend select Line 200 trips over east Jefferson Bl to Vernon and Santa Fe Aves via route of Line 102.

217/439 217-Vermont/Sunset - Fairfax/Washington via Hollywood Bl & Fairfax Av
439-Culver City Transit Center - Downtown LA/Union Station
Cancel Line 439; extend select Line 217 trips over Line 439 route south of Fairfax/Washington Transit Hub, serving the EXPO La Cienega Station.

534 Washington/Fairfax via Pacific Coast Hwy
Modify route to serve the EXPO Culver City Station.

740 South Bay Galleria-Downtown LA via Hawthorne Bl, Crenshaw Bl & M.L. King Bl
Reroute to EXPO Crenshaw Station and discontinue service east of Crenshaw Bl. to downtown LA.

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